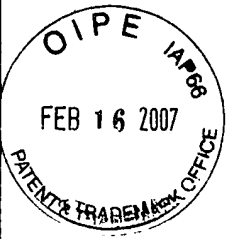


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**Correction of Entity Status and Payment of Deficiency
 in Fees Under 37 CFR §1.28(c)**

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Sir:

Statement of Facts in accord with 37 CFR §1.28(c)(1)

1. Small Entity Status of this application was established by an assertion in writing January 19, 1998. All fees paid to date for examination of the application have been paid at the small entity rate.

2. Subsequent to the filing date, Applicant's Representative became aware that the above-referenced application became subject to Large Entity fees in 2003.

3. Thus, the entity status of the present application was established in good faith at the time of filing the application, yet should now be large entity.

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PAYMENT OF FEES IN ACCORD WITH 37 CFR §1.28(c)(2)

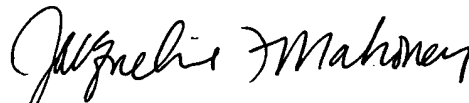
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ITEMIZATION OF THE DEFICIENCY IN PAYMENT IN ACCORD WITH 37 CFR §1.28(c)(2)(i-ii)

Description of Fee	Date Fee was Submitted to USPTO	Small Entity Fee Paid	Deficiency in Fee
2-mo. Time Extension	April 29, 2003	\$205.00	\$205.00
Notice of Appeal	March 24, 2004	\$165.00	\$165.00
Issue Fee	August 9, 2004	\$665.00	\$665.00

Although no additional fees are believed to be required than those shown above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account 50-2207; a duplicate of this communication is provided.

Respectfully submitted,

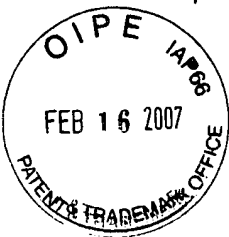


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1. Transmitted herewith are the following:
 - ☒ A Notice of Change to Large Entity Status with Statement
 - ☒ A Check in the amount of **\$1,035.00** covering the fee due.
2. Entity Status
 - ☒ Large Entity Status (37 CFR §1.9 and 1.27) is proper for this case.
3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:
An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if necessary for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.
4. Provisional Fee Authorization
Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacqueline F. Mahoney".

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